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## THE LEGISLATURE.

JANUARY 20, 1874.

**SENATE.**

The Senate was called to order by President Trammell.

Prayer by Rev. C. K. Keichum.

Leave of Absence.

was granted Mr. McCafee.

Non-consideration.

Mr. Clark moved that the House resolution passed on yesterday be reconsidered.

Lost.

PROTEST.

Mr. De Vaux's protest was then taken up which reads as follows:

To the Honorable the Senate of the State of Georgia:

We the undersigned Senators, members of your Committee, beg leave to dissent from the views and propositions expressed in the House resolution, protesting against the passage by the National Congress of the United States of the bill commonly known as the "Civil Rights Bill," and to express our desire to enter this our solemn protest against the same for the following reasons, to-wit:

1st. Because so long as Georgia discriminates between its citizens any of the rights mentioned in said "Civil Rights Bill," does not afford equal and ample protection to all without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude.

2d. Because we hold that the laws of Congress of the United States are the supreme law of the land and the States have no right to interfere with such State's abiding privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States; but Congress has full power under the Constitution to pass all necessary laws for the protection of citizens with regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude.

3d. Because so many of the statements in said resolution, to the effect that it is contrary to the wishes of the white and colored people of the State, that they do not wish to be discriminated against, are false.

4th. Mr. De Vaux moved that said protest be upon the journals. Yes 33, nay 14.

REPORTS STANDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Reese, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported on various bills.

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stating that they had agreed upon resolutions relative to the penitentiary, and asking the concurrence of the Senate.

Also, that they had agreed to Senate resolution appointing a committee on the Constitution.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Jones.—That so much of the Governor's message that refers to specific matters be referred to the various committee on these subjects.

Mr. De Vaux.—That numerous reports are circulated relative to the treatment of prisoners in the State penitentiary, and that a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House be appointed to investigate the matter, examining into it and seeing what legislation is necessary. Laid on the table for the present.

TAKEN UP.

The House resolution on the penitentiary was taken up.

Mr. Harris moved that, as the charge of cruelty to prisoners had been made, therefore this matter should receive special attention in the investigation by the committee, and that they do thoroughly investigate and report on the same.

Mr. Hillier moved that the Committee of both bodies of the Legislature on the Penitentiary be made a joint committee, empowered to appoint a sub committee, and said joint committee be directed to report on the matter.

Mr. Van Estes moved to lay the resolutions and amendments on the table. Lost.

On motion of Mr. Simmons, this matter was referred to Committee on Penitentiary.

Mr. Hillier.—That the Senate waive its claim of priority against the Georgia National Bank, referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Jones.—That the bill to repeal State aid in all railroad charters heretofore granted in the State where the railroads or companies have not vested rights.

The bill was duly discussed and referred to Committee of the 25th, House, Hester and Brown.

Mr. Erwin moved that action on the bill be indefinitely postponed. Lost.

On passage of bill—yes 26, nay 13.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Bills were taken up for second reading, and referred to appropriate committee.

On bill of Senator Erwin. Senate adjourned until Wednesday 10 o'clock.

HOUSE.

House was called to order by Speaker Bacon.

Prayer by Rev. John Jones, Chaplain.

The rules were suspended for.

BILLS ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Atkinson.—To repeal the act creating a Board of Commissioners for Thomas county.

Also, to amend the act creating a County Court in the county of Dougherty and Lee by making it applicable to the county of Thomas.

Mr. Duncan, of Laurens.—To amend the act to prohibit the buying, selling, delivering, or receiving any farm products therein specified, or any body of them, in the county of Lincoln, Brooks, et al., without the permission of the owners or employers of the land on which the products are raised, by applying it to Laurens county.

Mr. McElroy.—To amend his act prescribing the mode of granting licenses to sell into the State in the counties of Jefferson, Burke, and Washington, by making it applicable to every county in the State.

Mr. Duncan, of Rabun.—To incorporate the town of Clayton.

Mr. Baker.—To amend a special chapter beginning with section 1394 and ending with section 1400 of the new Code.

Also, to change the time of holding elections of members of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States in this State to the second Wednesday in October, and the same day every second year thereafter.

Mr. Tamm.—To exempt from municipal taxation land used for agricultural purposes only.

Mr. Turnbull.—To change the lines between the counties of Banks and Hall.

Also, to repeal the act providing for the annual collection and publication of the statistics on agricultural products and resources of the State.

Mr. Williamson.—To fix the compensation of the tax receiver and collector of Baldwin county.

Also to amend section 1 of the Constitution so as to remove the capital to Milledgeville.

Mr. Lee of Appling.—To incorporate the Ordinary of Appling county to sell and convey the courthouse and public lands at Hohenwald, to apply proceeds to payment of costs incurred in the erection of new Courthouses at Hohenwald.

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Mr. Lambie offered a resolution tendering the use of the Hall of the House to the State Grange or the Patrons of Husbandry on Wednesday and Wednesday afternoon for their meeting.

Mr. Pierce moved to amend by inserting Wednesday afternoon, which was lost.

Mr. DeBuse moved to table the resolution for.

on which the yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion lost—yes 59, nay 105.\*

Mr. McElroy called the previous question, which was sustained, and the resolution agreed to.

The Finance Committee reported the tax and appropriation bills.

THE TAX ACT.

The changes made from the act of 1873

are as follows:—  
Cotton—\$1,000,000 and day in cotton, and cotton containing a population of more than 10,000; \$100 in cities, towns and counties containing more than 5,000, and less than 10,000; \$50 in all towns, etc., under 5,000.

The railroads companies shall pay a tax of one per cent. on their gross receipts.

The Presidents of Banking Companies, Manufacturing Companies and others than Railroad, Insurance and Express Companies, required to return all the property whatever of the State to the State at its true market value, to be taxed as other property.

Nothing in the act construed to affect exemptions provided for in section 703 of the new Code, except that portion of paragraph 18 of section exempting \$300 of property, which is provision is repealed.

There was another slight shock of earthquake yesterday.

## DESPERATE WIFE MURDER.

THE RADICAL GOVERNOR GIVES UP AT LAST.

ATLANTA, January 20.—The Sergeant-at-Arms took possession of all the government offices without any opposition. Gov. Davis and previously left the Executive office, a major remaining, who surrendered the keys.

THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE.

COMMENTS OF THE NEW YORK PRESS—GENERAL GRUMBLING.

NEW YORK, January 20.—A Herald special, from the Tribune, says that the grant to the Mexican Railroad Company has been approved by Congress.

The grant to the Tehuantepec Company has been suspended for one year.

For engraving, printing, expressing, and other incidental expenses in preparing bonds, etc., \$10,000, or so much as may be necessary.

For mileage ten cents per mile.

For City Supreme Court, printing stationery, \$1,000.

Trustees of Lunatic Asylum \$300 each.

Academy of the Blind \$12,000, and \$3,000 for repairs.

To pay interest on bonds of Macon and Brunswick Railroad \$23,000.

For compensation of Clifford Anderson and R. K. Hines, professional services in case of State vs. Erwin and Albany Railroad, \$1,500.

THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

Mr. Williamson offered the following, which was referred to the Joint Committee on Public Printing of Senate and House:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Printing inquire and report to this House, on the subject of the proposed bill, and report to the Senate.

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